THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) The targeted production of foodgrains in 2004-05 is pegged at 113.80 million tonnes for the kharif season and 111.30 million tonnes for the rabi season. These targets have not been revised.

(b) As per the second advance estimate for the year 2004-05, the total production of pulses is estimated at 13.67 million tonnes which is 1.63 million tonnes less than the target production figure of 15.30 million tonnes.

(c) The targets *vis-a-vis* the actual production of coarse cereals for the last three years are shown below:—

(Production in million tonnes)

Coarse Cereals	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Target	33.00	34.00	36.80
Achievement	25.29	37.77	31.88

(d) In order to increase production of coarse cereals, the Government is implementing Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Coarse Cereals). From October, 2000, these schemes have been subsumed under Macro Management Programme with a view to provide flexibility according to regionally differentiated needs of the States.

Replanting coconut in Tsunami affected areas

459. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of coconut plantations have been uprooted due to the recent Tsunami wave in South India;

(b) whether any effort has been made to supply coconut seedlings and resources to farmers to replant their land;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) how many such acres of coconut land has been replanted recently with Government's help; and

(e) the steps proposed to expedite this replanting of fields of coconut trees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) There are some sporadic instances of up-rooting and loss of palms noticed in the areas adjacent to Tsunami affected sea coasts. The exact number of palms uprooted are not reported so far by the State Governments. The damage caused is mainly due to salt injury and drooping of outer leaves and shedding of buttons and immature nuts.

(b) and (c) The Coconut Development Board has an ongoing programme for production and distribution of quality coconut seedlings by extending financial assistance to State Governments. Under this programme, Board has initiated action for production and distribution of quality planting materials for replanting in the Tsunami affected areas. Except Andaman and Nicobar Islands the Department of Agriculture, Government of Kerala and Government of Tamil Nadu have enough infrastructure facilities for production and distribution of the required number of seedlings for this purpose. Under a special programme High Value Agriculture in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, it is proposed to produce 50,000 coconut seedlings for replanting senile and disease affected coconut palms. The balance seedlings requirement for A&N Islands will be met from the coconut nurseries of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.

(d) At present replanting has not been taken up since the coconut planting season in Kerala and Tamil Nadu in June-July. Besides the salt content in Tsunami affected fields has to be washed out with rain before going for replanting with seedlings.

(e) The required planting materials is being developed through the State Governments and the same will be made available for replanting in the affected areas.